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For:

POLYOLEFIN FIBRES AND METHOD FOR THE

PRODUCTION THEREOF

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

BOX RCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

September 10, 2002

Sir:

This is a "Request for Continued Examination" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the provisions of which do not apply to:

(1) A provisional application; (2) An application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) An international application filed under 35 U.S.C. §363 before June 8, 1995; (4) An application for a design patent; or (5) A patent under reexamination.

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- This Request for Continued Examination is being filed prior to the earliest of:
 - (1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under § 1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.
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- Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

Enter as part of the present submission:

- An After Final Amendment previously filed on , under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the present application.
- Arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
- A Reply Under Rule 1.111, attached hereto. Claim fee(s) are calculated as set forth below:

,	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS	NUMBER EXTRA	Large Entity		Small Entity	
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Total Claims	55	55		X 18	\$	Х 9	\$
Independent Claims	3	3		X 84	\$	X 42	\$
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- An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 form(s) is/are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
- ☐ Other: 1.132 Declaration

☐ Miscellaneous

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of () months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months.)

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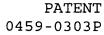
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 10, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend the claims as follows:

with between 12 and 30 carbon atoms.

Claim 44. (Amended) A polyolefin-containing fiber carrying at its surface a hydrophobic finish comprising 0.01-1.0% by weight of the fiber of at least one water-insoluble ester of a mono-, di, tri- or tetrahydric alcohol with a molecular weight not exceeding 500 and a branched or straight chain fatty acid